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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ATTACKS U.S. STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROL

SUMMARY: IZVESTIYA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRIED ARTICLES
LATE LAST WEEK ATTACKING THE PENTAGON FOR TRYING TO MAKE
THE U.S. STRATEGIC EMBARGO SYSTEM MORE STRINGENT.
END SUMMARY.

1. BASING HIMSELF ON ARTICLE SAID TO HAVE APPEARED IN
WASHINGTON POST, S. ZYKOV, WRITING IN JULY 16 IZVESTIYA,
ATTACKS ALLEGED ATTEMPT OF "THE PENTAGON AND SOME OF ITS
MOST POWERFUL SUPPORTERS" OF PLANNING TO BROADEN AND
STRENGTHEN THE U.S. STRATEGIC EMBARGO SYSTEM. BY
RECALLING STRINGENCY OF EMBARGO IN "COLD WAR" YEARS,
ZYKOV IMPLIES THAT PENTAGON WAS ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO
SUCH DAYS, DESPITE OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN HELSINKI
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FINAL ACT. ZYKOV ENDS ARTICLE WITH CLAIM THAT SUCH
BARRIERS TO TRADE ONLY INJURE WESTERN CAPITALIST ECONOMIES.
KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRIED TASS NEWS ITEM ON SAME WASHINGTON
POST ARTICLE ON JULY 15. TASS CLAIMED ORIGINATORS OF
ATTEMPT WERE "THE MOST REACTIONARY CIRCLES IN U.S.,"
BUT TASS DID NOT HEARKEN BACK TO "COLD WAR".

2. COMMENT: NOT HAVING SEEN THE ORIGINAL WASHINGTON POST NEWS STORY, WE CANNOT COMMENT ON THE EXTENT OF ZYKOV AND TASS' OVER-REACTION. PUBLICATION OF THE ARTICLES INDICATES ONCE AGAIN SOVIET SENSITIVITY ABOUT STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS. MORE IMMEDIATELY, SOVIETS HAVE ONCE MORE USED ARTICLE APPEARING IN WESTERN PRESS TO LEND CREDENCE TO THEIR ATTACK ON WESTERN NATIONS, AND ESPECIALLY ON THE U.S., FOR TRADE BARRIERS WHICH SOVIETS LABEL AS VESTIGES OF THE "COLD WAR" AND INJURIOUS TO DETENTE. GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY FOR RAPID MODERNIZATION OF SOVIET INDUSTRY, THE POSSIBILITY--HOWEVER SLIGHT--OF STRONGER STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS MUST BE PARTICULARLY UNSETTLING. TOON

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